

House Study Bill 534 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MILLER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to food assistance eligibility and work
2 requirements.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **234.12B Food assistance program**
2 **eligibility — work requirements.**

3 The administrative rules adopted for the food assistance
4 program by the department shall require an applicant for or
5 participant in the food assistance program to provide a work
6 history and to participate in required work-related activities
7 as a condition of eligibility for food assistance. If an
8 applicant or participant is not employed or participating in
9 education, training, or work-related activities approved by
10 the department, the department shall require the individual
11 to participate in public work activity. The department shall
12 select an individual's public work activity based upon the
13 department's assessment of the individual's skills and work
14 experience. The public work activities may include but are
15 not limited to working at a local school, for a child care
16 provider, or at a public library, or providing maintenance and
17 trash removal on public trails or roads.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill relates to food assistance eligibility and work
22 requirements.

23 The bill provides that the administrative rules adopted
24 by the department of human services for the food assistance
25 program shall require, as a condition of eligibility for the
26 program, an applicant or participant to provide a work history
27 and to participate in various work-related activities.